

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of  
Engelhardt et al.  
Application No. 08/486,069  
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Atty Docket No. ENZ-  
5(D8)(C2)

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**PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.182 FOR EXPEDITED  
CONSIDERATION OF REQUESTS TO VACATE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE  
AND TO EXPUNGE CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS  
APPLICATION FROM PUBLIC RECORDS**

This is a Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.182 for expedited consideration of the concurrently filed Request to Vacate the Order to Show Cause and Request to Expunge from public records all confidential information concerning this application.

The Order to Show Cause in the above referenced case set a period for reply of two months, with extensions of time available under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a). If Petitioner's Request to Vacate the Order to Show Cause is ultimately granted, expedited consideration of that request would alleviate any further expenditure of petitioner's time and resources in preparing responses to any vacated Orders to Show Cause.

As to the Request to Expunge, expedited consideration thereof is requested in order to restore confidentiality and then to maintain in confidence all information concerning the above-referenced application. The USPTO's improper inclusion of confidential information concerning this application in the Order to Show Cause by

placement of the Order in at least one patented file is a direct violation of the statute and the regulations. *See* 35 U.S.C. § 122(a) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.14(a). Since the allegations made in the Order question the veracity of the statements made by the applicants, their representatives, and the assignee of this application, and are made without any identification of the source of the alleged “evidence,” there is a compelling need to quickly remove these aspersions from the public eye. The continued identification of this confidential application in the Order continues to violate the confidentiality of this application. Therefore, prompt removal of all information concerning this application from the public record is paramount.

The regulations specify that questions not specifically addressed elsewhere in the rules may be considered pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.182. Since the situation at hand is not addressed elsewhere in the regulations, Petitioner requests that expedited consideration of the above requests be considered with special dispatch.

Therefore, for the reasons stated herein, grant of this Petition for Expedited Consideration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.182 is respectfully requested.

Since the inclusion in the Orders to Show Cause of confidential information concerning this application was a mistake on the part of the USPTO, as was the entire act of issuing the Order to Show Cause, no fee should be required for this Petition to Expedite. Nevertheless, if any fees are deemed necessary for grant of this petition, the USPTO is hereby authorized to charge any required fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2929, making reference to Docket No. J10008.

Any questions related to this Petition may be directed to the undersigned.

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